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## RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed September 25, 2002 the time for response being extended to expire January 25, 2003, the Applicant hereby makes the following elections.

### Restriction

The Examiner required restriction to one of Groups I-V as follows: Group I, claims 1-3 drawn to an isolated complex comprising a Q2 and a  $\beta$ -amyloid. Group II, claims 4-11 drawn to a method of detecting in a biological sample a complex of Q2 and \(\beta\)-amyloid.

Group III, claims 12-21 drawn to a method of detecting aggregation of  $\beta$ -amyloid.

Group IV, claims 22-35, drawn to a method for screening for Alzheimer's disease.

Group V, claims 36 and 37, drawn to an antibody.

In response, the Applicant elects Group I drawn to an isolated complex comprising a Q2 and a β-amyloid with traverse. The Applicant traverses this restriction requirement as examination of Groups I-V would not be unduly burdensome to the Examiner. Specifically,



Groups I, II, and V and Claims 14 and 15 of Group III and Claims 24, 25, 26, 29, and 30 of Group IV all involve an isolated complex of Q2 and a β-amyloid. Therefore, the Applicant submits that a search could be efficiently done encompassing Groups I-V without burdening the Examiner. Moreover, as these Groups and Claims all involve an isolated complex of Q2 and a β-amyloid they form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

### Election of Species

The Examiner further required the Applicant to elect a species of neurotrophin from the following four:

- a. Animal β-amyloid 1-42.
- b. Animal β-amyloid 1-38.
- c. Human β-amyloid 1-42.
- d. Human β-amyloid 1-38.

In response, the Applicant elects Animal β-amyloid 1-42 with traverse. The Applicant reads the term Animal to encompass Human. The claims readable on Animal β-amyloid 1-42 therefore include 1-21, 23-26, 29-30, and 36-37. The Applicant reminds the Examiner of the duty upon allowance of a generic claim to consider claims to additional species which are written in dependent form.

Respectfully submitted,

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